

Town of Lyman Charter Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2022 – 6:03 P.M.

Note: These are summary minutes. A recording of the meeting is available on the Lyman Town Hall YouTube channel. Minutes are not verbatim. Minutes may be paraphrased for clarity. Minutes are draft until approved by the Charter Commission.

Members present - Peggy Macdonald, Jessica Picard, David Alves, Judith St. Onge, Roger Hooper, Don Hernon, Amber Swett and Michelle Felicitti, Celeste Hatch

Public present – William Single

Motion made by Amber Swett, seconded by Judith St. Onge to accept meeting minutes from January 27, 2022. Unanimously approved.

Discussion regarding tabled item from previous meetings. Term limits discussion. Straw poll taken from Planning Board and members not in favor of term limits for that board. Questions regarding Selectboard term limits and whether two terms or three terms for elected officials.

Motion made Michelle Felicitti, seconded by Don Hernon to change term limits to three consecutive three year terms for elected officials. Approved 6-3-0

Motion made by Roger Hooper, seconded by Michelle Felicitti to remove term limits from Boards & Committees and require application process according to hiring policy. Unanimously approved.

Discussion regarding Section 5. Boards and Committees should have a budget and access to legal counsel.

Discussion regarding adding Wards and whether doing that would be an amendment or revision of a future Charter.

Discussion regarding Section 3.13 and Emergency Ordinance measures.

Discussion regarding Fair Hearing Board and the need for a budget for that Board.

Discussion regarding Code of Ethics. Code of ethics as an ordinance versus having it in the Charter and possibly not changeable for ten years to adapt to changes that happen in real time. Chair Jessica Picard will work on Code of Ethics wording and Confidentiality wording and where the best place to put it in the Charter is.

Discussion regarding list of items still left to work on. History of the town, Definition's list, Code of Ethics, Classes for Selectboard and Budget Committee. Chair Jessica Picard will check Maine Municipal Association for possible recommendations.

Discussion regarding contacting Charter Attorney about when he would like draft to start looking it over for review and to ask any questions we have at the time.

Discussion regarding Preliminary Report. Preliminary Report due to Selectboard March 8. Will need to have copies available for residents to review. Questions regarding separate amendments for Town Manager option and Selectboard option for town vote.

Discussion regarding setting up a meeting for members to meet to edit Charter documents. Meeting set for February 19, 2022 at 8:00 am.

No Public Comment.

Motion made by Roger Hooper, seconded by Judith St. Onge to adjourn meeting.
Unanimously approved. 7:47 PM.